

# ODHH Monthly Bulletin

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## A message from Director Lisa Kornberg

Wow! September was a really terrific month for us at ODHH. There were so many great events for Deaf Awareness Week! I hope you had a chance to attend some of the events to learn more about Deaf culture and heritage. A special thank you to those who attended our Town Hall Meeting at the Hearing and Speech Agency. We really enjoyed meeting with you and learning about your vision for a more accessible Maryland.

October is shaping up to be as exciting as September. We are thrilled to be partnering with the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to host two workshops for job seekers who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deafblind. We will also be exhibiting at the Senior and Baby Boomer Expo in Timonium, The Montgomery County Resource Fair in Rockville, and the Lives without Limitations Expo in Baltimore City. We hope to see you at some of these great events!

Finally, 2012 is an election year. This Bulletin and the ODHH website have a wealth of information about the entire voting process. Voting is so important; make sure you register and vote!

-Lisa

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## Get to Work! Workshops for Job Seekers Who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or Deafblind



The Governor's Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH), together with the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation (DLLR), are proud to announce a unique partnership in honor of National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM). During the month of October, ODHH and DLLR will host two workshops for job seekers who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deafblind. Held each



## New Law about Mopeds and Scooters

On October 1, 2012, new Maryland vehicle laws will take effect that require all motor scooters and mopeds to be titled and insured, while all operators and passengers must wear a helmet and eye protection. All motor scooters must display a title decal on the rear of the vehicle. These new requirements are in addition to the existing law that requires all motor scooter and moped operators to possess a valid driver's license or a moped operator's permit.

[Click here to apply for a title and a title decal](#)

## Quick Links

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October, National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) is a national campaign that raises awareness about disability employment issues and celebrates the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities. This year's theme is "A Strong Workforce is an Inclusive Workforce: What Can YOU Do?"

Both workshops will include information on basic job seeking skills and a tour of a DLLR One Stop Career Center.

- The workshop on Wednesday, October 17, 2012 will be held at the Columbia Workforce Center (7161 Columbia Gateway Drive, Columbia, MD 21046) and will focus on job seeking skills for people with a hearing loss or who are hard of hearing.
  - Lise Hamlin, Director of Public Policy for the Hearing Loss Association of America, will serve as the expert presenter on issues facing job seekers with a hearing loss.
- The workshop scheduled for Monday, October 22, 2012 will be held at the Frederick County Business and Employment Center (5340 A Spectrum Drive, Frederick, Maryland 21703) and will focus on job seeking skills for people who are deaf.
  - Craig "Hank" Passi, Staff Specialist, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services and Statewide Coordinator for the Deaf for the Division of Rehabilitation Services, will be the expert presenter on issues facing job seekers who are deaf.

Both workshops are free and open to job seekers who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deafblind. Professionals working with people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deafblind are also encouraged to attend. [Registration is required and can be done online.](#)

## Don't Forget! Election Day is November 6, 2012



Did you know that 2012 is an election year? Maybe you have seen the ads for Presidential candidates? Or commercials about different referenda that will impact everyone here in Maryland? Before you can make a decision about these important issues, you must first register to vote!

If you are not registered to vote, hurry! You have until October 16 to register to vote in the 2012 election! Here is how:

- You can contact ODHH by VP, TTY, Email, or Voice to learn more about registering to vote. All employees in the ODHH office are trained voter registration volunteers and are happy to assist.
- You can also visit your local Board of Elections, and they can provide you with assistance in registering.
- If you prefer, you can [register to vote online](#).

Visit the [ODHH website for voting information](#) in American Sign Language (ASL). Learn about voter registration, early voting, and more! All videos are in ASL with captions and voice over.

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## ODHH on the Move

### Senior/Baby Boomer Expo 2012

October 10 - 11  
Maryland State Fairgrounds  
Timonium, MD

### Montgomery County Resource Fair

October 14  
12 PM - 4 PM  
White Flint Mall  
Rockville, MD

### Pre-Proposal Conference: Statewide Interpreter Contract RFP

October 16  
10 AM - 12 PM  
Harry Hughes Suite 2 -  
MDOT Headquarters  
Hanover, MD

### Workshop for Job Seekers with a Hearing Loss or Who are Hard of Hearing

October 17  
1 PM - 4 PM  
Columbia Workforce Center  
Columbia, MD

### Workshop for Job Seekers Who are Deaf

October 22  
1 PM - 4 PM  
Frederick Business and Employment Center  
Frederick, MD

Election Day is Tuesday, November 6, 2012. Make sure you register, then vote!

## Towson University Hosts TWO Great Events



On Saturday November 10th, Towson University will host two exciting events: The 2012 MDASLTA Professional Development Conference and the Decade of Deaf Studies Celebration.

MDASLTA, or the Maryland American Sign Language Teachers Association, is an organization that believes in quality ASL instruction for the sake of preserving ASL and Deaf culture. MDASLTA will be holding its third statewide conference to share state of the art information regarding ASL teaching, research, and training. The conference will include keynote speakers, workshops, and entertainment.

Additionally, Towson University will be celebrating its Deaf Studies Department. Did you know that the Deaf Studies Program at TU was established in 2000? The first class of Deaf Studies students graduated ten years ago in 2002! To date, over 350 students have graduated from the program. Alumni will be able to reunite with former classmates, friends, and faculty members, eat delicious food, enjoy terrific entertainment, and hear a great speaker - the President of Gallaudet University! The event will kick off with a small reception, followed by dinner and entertainment. For those whose signing may be a little rusty, interpreters will be provided.

Check out the [MDASLTA website](#) and the [Decade of Deaf Studies website](#) to learn more and to register for these events.

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### Lives Without Limitations Expo

October 24  
12 PM- 2 PM  
BCCC - Liberty Campus  
Baltimore, MD

*Please note ODHH will be closed on Monday, October 8 in Observance of Columbus Day.*